

Interview Summary

Application No.
09/731,780

Applicant(s)
TIRAMANI et al.

Examiner
James O. Hansen

Group Art Unit
3636

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) James O. Hansen (3) _____
(2) Mr. Jack Barufka (4) _____

Date of Interview Sep 17, 2001

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: Independent claims on record

Identification of prior art discussed:
Spranger et al., Shamah, Chi, Mayer, Marcell, Chiang and Warnick et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant requested an interview on the merits. During the interview applicant presented proposed amendments concerning the lid orientation of the toolbox when the apparatus is "in the upright position". The examiner agreed with applicant's remarks concerning such language as relating to the cited prior art. Applicant will submit such amendments accordingly. The examiner will give favorable consideration towards allowance pending further search and consideration.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

**JAMES O. HANSEN
PATENT EXAMINER
ART UNIT 3636**